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The Honorable Frank Lucas, Chairman
The Honorable Zoe Lofgren, Ranking Member
Committee on Science, Space and Technology United States House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515

RE: Support for the Weather Act Reauthorization Act of 2025

Dear Chairman Lucas and Ranking Member Lofgren,

I am writing to offer my strong support for passage of H.R. 5089, the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Reauthorization Act of 2025. I am a former acting Administrator of NOAA, Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, and Oceanographer of the Navy.

During my 36 years of federal service, I worked in the field of weather and ocean research and forecasting. The Weather Act reauthorization is a critically important and long overdue piece of legislation. Its passage will ensure the United States improves its capabilities in severe weather detection, prediction, warning, and public response. It will ensure we achieve international leadership in numerical weather prediction, for which Europe has led the world for years.

The Act also contains important language for NOAA to expand investment in public-private partnerships to harness the leading innovation in the commercial weather sector, which is accelerating with the application of artificial intelligence. These will be essential for making the American weather enterprise great again.

Thank you for your leadership in supporting this bill which will significantly contribute to public safety, national security, and economic prosperity.

Sincerely,

T.C. Gallaudet